



ADDRESSING VETERANS' ORAL HEALTHCARE NEEDS

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

The *Addressing Veterans' Oral Health Needs* webinar is the first in the nation to solely focus on veterans' access to dental care and is the result of the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services six-month needs assessment, *Oral Health Access for Maine's Veterans*. This webinar provides the learner with background information on: VA Eligibility, Becoming a VA Community Care Network Provider, Connection to Services, and Trauma-Informed Care.

Agenda/Overview

The webinar explains how **veterans' health needs often differ from the civilian population** and the benefits of utilizing a trauma informed approach in your practice with all patients, especially veterans, who may be living with the silent wounds of war (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Military Sexual Trauma, and/or Traumatic Brain Injury).

The webinar details available oral health resources for veterans throughout the State of Maine who are not 100% service-connected to the VA, can't afford dental insurance, or to pay for services out of pocket. This webinar is intended for all dental and medical professionals who have veteran patients and want to ensure they have access to and receive best practices dental services in their community.

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Health Professionals will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of veterans' issues and the barriers veterans may encounter accessing dental care.
- Cite/recognize services available for veterans through connection to the VA Maine Healthcare System and the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services.
- Recognize the importance of trauma-informed care for all patients, especially veterans.



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<https://cpd.partners.org/cme.lunderdineen.org/content/addressing-veterans'-oral-healthcare-needs>



AT A GLANCE

Target Audience

- This activity is intended for oral health professionals (dentists and dental hygienists) and healthcare professionals (doctors, nurses, and home health providers).

Dates and Fee

- Available beginning January 1, 2022
- Free

Accreditation

Mass General Brigham is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Mass General Brigham designates this live activity for a maximum of **1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)TM**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

This course was developed by Sarah Sherman, Director of Strategic Partnerships for the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services in collaboration with Lunder-Dineen.